

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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TITLE: BIFIDOBACTERIA AND PREPARATIONS CONTAINING THEM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATIONS  
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Dear Sir:

Preliminary to the initial Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.